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In re Patent Application of:  
Martin KELLER et al.

Application No.: 10/626,477

Art Unit: 1645

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: HIGH THROUGHPUT OR CAPILLARY-  
BASED SCREENING FOR A BIOACTIVITY  
OR BIOMOLECULE

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT  
APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID  
SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed on July 23, 2004. The response was initially due September 23, 2004. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until October 23, 2004 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. Consideration is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figure is attached following page 6 of this paper.